

Missouri Area Labor Trends

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Missouri Labor Market Review

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Missouri unemployment dropped sharply in March, as the spring seasonal improvement in the labor markets took hold. The unemployment rate dropped a full percentage point, to 6.1 percent, while the number of jobless Missourians fell by more than 21,000 to 150,900. The over-the-year decline in unemployment was about equal to the monthly drop.

Total employment experienced a substantial gain, climbing by 49,100 to 2,318,900. Since March 1985, employment has grown by 73,900. Although much of the March improvement in both employment and unemployment was probably seasonal, the underlying improvement of labor market conditions also appears to be continuing.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 25,700 jobs in March. Seasonal improvement in construction accounted for 8500 jobs, while services grew by 8700, and retail trade by 5700. Manufacturing employment

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grew by 2000 jobs, mostly in the stone, clay, and glass; transportation equipment other than automobiles; and food and kindred products industries. Automobile employment remained strong; March employment in the motor vehicles and equipment industry was 37,100, a gain of about 3800 jobs from a year ago.

The manufacturing workweek edged up a tenth of an hour to 40.4 hours in March, an increase of three-tenths of an hour from March 1985. Average weekly earnings of manufacturing production workers climbed by \$20.61 during the year, partly due to the increase in hours and partly to a gain of 44 cents in average hourly earnings.

National Economic and Labor Market Conditions

National unemployment edged down only insignificantly
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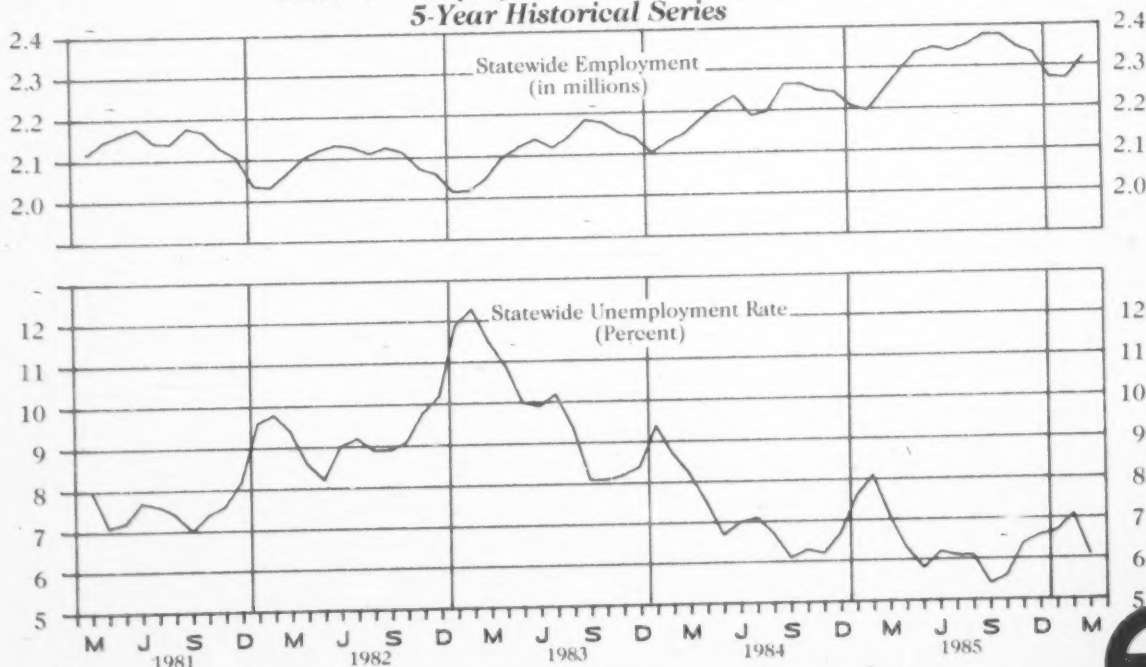


Table 1
MISSOURI DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES - ESTIMATES

COUNTY/LABOR MARKET AREA	CURRENT MONTH - MAR 1986 (PRELIMINARY)				PREVIOUS MONTH - FEB 1986 (REVISED)				ONE YEAR AGO - MAR 1985 (BENCHMARKED 1985)			
	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE	CLF	EMP	UNEMP	RATE
STATEWIDE	2469760	2318866	150894	6.1	2442299	2269829	172470	7.1	2416308	2244985	171323	7.1
ST. LOUIS MSA	1218629	1135490	83139	6.8	1213607	1118404	95203	7.8	1183209	1095723	87486	7.4
KANSAS CITY MSA	801534	762363	39171	4.9	795381	752942	42439	5.3	795329	755999	39330	4.9
SPRINGFIELD MSA	114904	109647	5257	4.6	113444	107507	5937	5.2	110864	104989	5875	5.3
COLUMBIA MSA	59117	57141	1976	3.3	58524	56362	2162	3.7	59754	57124	2630	4.4
JOPLIN MSA	66318	62802	3516	5.3	65334	61346	3988	6.1	64296	60294	4002	6.2
ST. JOSEPH MSA	42231	38939	3292	7.8	42532	38745	3787	8.9	41052	37913	3139	7.6
ADAIR/SCHUYLER LMA	13643	12776	867	6.4	13351	12386	965	7.2	13498	12406	1092	8.1
ANDREW	7709	7245	464	6.0	7579	6976	603	8.0	6903	6527	376	5.4
ATCHISON	3117	2949	168	5.4	3026	2822	204	6.7	3399	3074	325	9.6
AUDRAIN	10247	9550	697	6.8	10021	9312	709	7.1	11214	9962	1252	11.2
BARRY	11988	11374	614	5.1	11704	10959	745	6.4	11477	10665	812	7.1
BARTON	5323	5135	188	3.5	5197	4998	199	3.8	5145	4929	216	4.2
BATES	6413	5863	550	8.6	6180	5580	600	9.7	6363	5891	472	7.4
BENTON	5515	4942	573	10.4	5299	4634	665	12.5	5226	4750	476	9.1
BOLLINGER	3625	3130	495	13.7	3499	2917	582	16.6	3783	3176	607	16.0
BUTLER	15791	13948	1843	11.7	15299	13527	1772	11.6	16536	14540	1996	12.1
CALDWELL	3185	2940	245	7.7	3143	2867	276	8.8	3189	2954	235	7.4
CALLAWAY	14600	13738	862	5.9	14479	13476	1003	6.9	15031	13714	1317	8.8
CAMDEN	13682	12659	1023	7.5	12765	11398	1367	10.7	12760	11728	1032	8.1
CAPE GIRARDEAU	32443	30933	1510	4.7	32062	30314	1748	5.5	31610	29891	1719	5.4
CARROLL	5317	4881	436	8.2	5154	4658	496	9.6	5000	4608	392	7.8
CARTER	1974	1646	328	16.6	2004	1564	440	22.0	2444	2100	344	14.1
CEDAR	4953	4623	330	6.7	4836	4441	395	8.2	4902	4512	390	8.0
CHARITON	4969	4685	284	5.7	4885	4536	349	7.1	4625	4260	365	7.9
CLARK	3714	3410	304	8.2	3772	3428	344	9.1	3671	3275	396	10.8
CLINTON	6143	5682	461	7.5	6023	5522	501	8.3	6551	6053	498	7.6
COLE/OSAGE LMA	38317	36498	1819	4.7	37824	35643	2181	5.8	37203	34949	2254	6.1
COOPER	6731	6277	454	6.7	6693	6117	576	8.6	6779	6234	545	8.0
CRAWFORD	6616	5982	634	9.6	6586	5807	779	11.8	7273	6333	940	12.9
DADE	2872	2692	180	6.3	2792	2593	199	7.1	2912	2761	151	5.2
DALLAS	3923	3565	358	9.1	3883	3379	504	13.0	3846	3369	477	12.4
DAVISS	3698	3524	174	4.7	3635	3418	217	6.0	3675	3415	260	7.1
DEKALB	3928	3669	259	6.6	3866	3562	304	7.9	3734	3476	258	6.9
DENT	5568	5022	546	9.8	5313	4723	590	11.1	5522	4915	607	11.0
DOUGLAS	4971	4500	471	9.5	4928	4353	575	11.7	5050	4368	682	13.5
DUNKLIN	13508	12114	1394	10.3	13321	11738	1583	11.9	13679	11864	1815	13.3
GASCONADE	6981	6568	413	5.9	6825	6326	499	7.3	6888	6457	431	6.3
GENTRY	3168	2995	173	5.5	3044	2861	183	6.0	3256	3083	173	5.3
GRUNDY	5123	4837	286	5.6	5041	4680	361	7.2	5155	4835	320	6.2
HARRISON	4940	4596	344	7.0	4847	4467	380	7.8	4725	4451	274	5.8
HENRY	8805	8126	679	7.7	8594	7780	814	9.5	8640	8011	629	7.3
HICKORY	2917	2689	228	7.8	2756	2474	282	10.2	2517	2301	216	8.6
HOLT	2696	2542	154	5.7	2524	2338	186	7.4	2606	2387	219	8.4
HOWARD	4623	4390	233	5.0	4542	4239	303	6.7	4809	4486	323	6.7
HOWELL	12440	11353	1087	8.7	12322	11064	1258	10.2	13201	11571	1630	12.3
IRON	3564	3103	461	12.9	3529	3022	507	14.4	3582	2794	788	22.0
JOHNSON	17288	16569	719	4.2	16980	16170	810	4.8	17342	16735	607	3.5
KNOX	2195	2001	194	8.8	2085	1881	204	9.8	2182	1922	260	11.9
LAKEDE	11527	10647	880	7.6	11617	10498	1119	9.6	12164	11108	1056	8.7
LAWRENCE	13974	13146	828	5.9	13690	12747	943	6.9	13804	12805	999	7.2

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LEWIS	5394	4849	545	10.1	5301	4697	604	11.4	5148	4650	498	9.7
LINCOLN	11559	10770	789	6.8	11483	10463	1020	8.9	10462	9601	861	8.2
LINN	6701	6196	505	7.5	6605	5931	674	10.2	6583	6008	575	8.7
LIVINGSTON	6741	6284	457	6.8	6646	6121	525	7.9	6663	6059	604	9.1
MACON	7507	6865	642	8.6	7485	6709	776	10.4	7740	7158	582	7.5
MADISON	4115	3708	407	9.9	4044	3611	433	10.7	4150	3633	517	12.5
MARIES	3857	3577	280	7.3	3805	3468	337	8.9	3932	3569	363	9.2
MARION/RALLS LMA	18352	16937	1415	7.7	18417	16579	1838	10.0	17535	15694	1841	10.5
MCDONALD	7737	7245	492	6.4	7664	7040	624	8.1	7063	6670	393	5.6
MERCER	1651	1536	115	7.0	1574	1453	121	7.7	1653	1537	116	7.0
MILLER	9704	8600	1104	11.4	9637	8080	1557	16.2	9104	7733	1371	15.1
MISSISSIPPI	6247	5517	730	11.7	6204	5340	864	13.9	6521	5530	991	15.2
MONITEAU	6194	5740	454	7.3	6015	5192	823	13.7	6033	5546	487	8.1
MONROE	5142	4872	270	5.3	4971	4652	319	6.4	4604	4303	301	6.5
MONTGOMERY	4955	4583	372	7.5	5031	4561	470	9.3	4940	4393	547	11.1
MORGAN	6224	5668	556	8.9	6160	5386	774	12.6	6674	6008	666	10.0
NEW MADRID	9132	8188	944	10.3	9123	8034	1089	11.9	9465	8320	1145	12.1
NODAWAY	10421	9931	490	4.7	10104	9514	590	5.8	10190	9653	537	5.3
OREGON	3577	3212	365	10.2	3511	3118	393	11.2	3743	3225	518	13.8
OZARK	3351	3074	277	8.3	3166	2795	371	11.7	3420	2998	422	12.3
PEMISCOT	8858	7996	862	9.7	8707	7752	955	11.0	8684	7779	905	10.4
PERRY	7908	7096	812	10.3	7664	7076	588	7.7	7502	6933	569	7.6
PETTIS	18459	17121	1338	7.2	18263	16643	1620	8.9	17635	16259	1376	7.8
PHELPS	16364	15484	880	5.4	16178	15082	1096	6.8	15832	14752	1080	6.8
PIKE	8462	7776	686	8.1	8321	7519	802	9.6	7690	6802	888	11.5
POLK	8956	8370	586	6.5	8636	7967	669	7.7	9415	8825	590	6.3
PULASKI	11925	11137	788	6.6	11625	10812	813	7.0	11596	10713	883	7.6
PUTNAM	2167	2035	132	6.1	2093	1928	165	7.9	2284	2094	190	8.3
RANDOLPH	12073	11325	748	6.2	12160	11201	959	7.9	11728	10843	885	7.5
REYNOLDS	1958	1607	351	17.9	1953	1557	396	20.3	2050	1598	452	22.0
RIPLEY	4240	3773	467	11.0	4131	3614	517	12.5	4141	3613	528	12.8
SALINE	11897	11301	596	5.0	11734	10908	826	7.0	11931	11249	682	5.7
SCOTLAND	2468	2310	158	6.4	2424	2232	192	7.9	2364	2193	171	7.2
SCOTT	17849	16441	1408	7.9	17609	16023	1586	9.0	17091	15450	1641	9.6
SHANNON	3036	2565	471	15.5	3039	2441	598	19.7	3374	2821	553	16.4
SHELBY	3634	3425	209	5.8	3551	3266	285	8.0	3515	3274	241	6.9
ST. CLAIR	3201	2976	225	7.0	3057	2818	239	7.8	3278	3059	219	6.7
ST. FRANCOIS	17773	16276	1497	8.4	17743	15866	1877	10.6	17832	15903	1929	10.8
STE. GENEVIEVE	7036	6497	539	7.7	6870	6214	656	9.5	6433	5838	595	9.2
STODDARD	13127	11827	1300	9.9	12857	11378	1479	11.5	12384	10998	1386	11.2
STONE	8069	6782	1287	15.9	8088	6461	1627	20.1	7632	6272	1360	17.8
SULLIVAN	3586	3391	195	5.4	3503	3293	210	6.0	3455	3201	254	7.4
TAYLOR	13651	11918	1733	12.7	13204	10940	2264	17.1	12800	10666	2134	16.7
TEXAS	9724	8546	1178	12.1	9365	8066	1299	13.9	9487	8166	1321	13.9
VERNON	9098	8542	556	6.1	8937	8359	578	6.5	8794	8255	539	6.1
WARREN	9168	8632	536	5.8	8857	8250	607	6.9	8364	7844	520	6.2
WASHINGTON	6305	5487	818	13.0	6389	5395	994	15.6	6440	5394	1046	16.2
WAYNE	4227	3552	675	16.0	4175	3454	721	17.3	4219	3617	602	14.3
WEBSTER	9690	8820	870	9.0	9443	8376	1067	11.3	9243	8422	821	8.9
WORTH	1314	1243	71	5.4	1241	1176	65	5.2	1210	1135	75	6.2
WRIGHT	7027	6228	799	11.4	6871	6035	836	12.2	7187	6296	891	12.4

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Table 2. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment, Hours and Earnings
Missouri (Statewide)
March, 1986

Industry Title	All Employees			Production Workers								
	(In Thousands)			Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago	Curr. Mo.	Prev. Mo.	1 Yr. Ago
Total Non-Agri. Employment	2111.6	2085.9	2051.7									
Total Manufacturing	428.0	426.0	428.0	399.96	398.57	379.35	40.4	40.3	40.1	9.90	9.89	9.46
Durable Goods	244.8	243.4	244.1	453.00	450.43	420.81	42.1	41.9	41.5	10.76	10.75	10.14
Lumber & Wood Products	10.0	9.8	10.1	247.54	240.29	229.59	38.8	37.9	37.7	6.38	6.34	6.09
Furniture & Fixtures	10.3	10.3	10.2	320.05	332.32	301.04	44.7	45.9	42.4	7.16	7.24	7.10
Stone, Clay & Glass Prod.	11.4	10.5	10.7	443.88	452.24	436.16	41.1	41.3	42.1	10.80	10.95	10.36
Cement, Hydraulic	1.0	1.0	1.0	509.38	709.60	536.35	37.9	46.9	39.7	13.44	15.13	13.51
Structural Clay Prod.	1.9	2.0	1.9	502.90	516.67	449.69	40.2	41.4	38.7	12.51	12.48	11.62
Other Stone, Clay & Glass	8.5	7.6	7.8									
Primary Metal Industries	12.5	12.4	13.6	442.54	442.39	444.80	40.9	41.5	40.4	10.82	10.66	11.01
Iron & Steel Foundries	1.7	1.7	2.0	380.21	380.25	358.50	39.4	39.9	40.6	9.65	9.53	8.83
Nonferrous Foundries	3.2	3.2	3.1	331.89	358.31	329.94	41.8	44.4	42.3	7.94	8.07	7.80
Other Primary Metals	7.7	7.6	8.5									
Fabricated Metal Products	28.3	28.2	28.7	414.06	406.29	385.43	41.2	41.5	40.7	10.05	9.79	9.47
Structural Metal Prod.	11.2	11.2	10.7	389.91	398.94	370.98	40.7	41.6	40.5	9.58	9.59	9.16
Other Fab. Metal Prod.	17.0	17.0	18.0									
Machinery Exc. Electrical	30.7	30.6	31.5	416.94	417.38	395.60	41.2	41.0	40.7	10.12	10.18	9.72
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	48.8	49.3	51.2	388.64	385.81	378.72	41.7	41.0	41.3	9.32	9.41	9.17
Transportation Equipment	73.9	73.3	69.3	621.89	622.25	575.52	44.2	44.1	44.0	14.07	14.11	13.08
Motor Vehicles & Equip.	37.1	37.4	33.3	675.44	665.93	627.46	46.2	45.8	45.8	14.62	14.54	13.70
Other Transportation Equip.	36.7	35.9	36.0									
Instruments & Related Prod.	11.9	11.9	11.9	318.00	314.42	288.23	39.9	39.8	40.2	7.97	7.90	7.17
Misc. Mfg. Inds.	7.0	7.1	7.0	268.62	261.50	239.36	39.1	38.4	36.6	6.87	6.81	6.54
Nonurable Goods	183.2	182.6	183.9	330.53	328.42	324.32	38.3	38.1	38.2	8.63	8.62	8.49
Food & Kindred Products	45.5	45.0	44.0	378.50	389.61	371.84	39.8	40.5	39.1	9.51	9.62	9.51
Meat Products & Preserved												
Fruits & Vegetables	12.5	12.0	11.5	272.22	266.66	249.28	39.0	39.1	38.0	6.98	6.82	6.56
Dairy Products	6.3	6.3	6.1	421.45	418.35	393.34	42.7	42.3	41.8	9.87	9.89	9.41
Grain Mill Products	7.4	7.4	7.3	407.43	459.19	400.36	40.3	43.9	39.6	10.11	10.46	10.11
Bakery Products	5.5	5.5	5.3	386.06	376.15	372.13	38.8	38.5	37.4	9.95	9.77	9.95
Beverages	9.6	9.5	9.5	535.07	550.93	591.54	36.8	37.2	40.6	14.54	14.81	14.57

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Other Food & Kindred	4.2	4.3	4.4	411.17	421.09	387.72	43.1	43.1	37.9	9.54	9.77	10.23
Textile & Apparel	23.7	23.8	25.2	194.93	191.95	193.48	34.5	34.4	35.5	5.65	5.58	5.45
Paper & Allied Products	13.1	13.0	13.4	386.46	382.12	375.36	41.2	41.0	40.8	9.38	9.32	9.20
Paperboard Cont. & Boxes	6.8	6.8	6.7	409.91	398.65	400.37	41.7	41.7	42.1	9.83	9.56	9.51
Other Paper Products	6.4	6.2	6.7									
Printing & Publishing	41.1	41.0	40.3	380.44	372.10	368.33	39.1	38.6	37.7	9.73	9.64	9.77
Commercial Printing	13.5	13.5	13.0	455.03	432.28	438.75	41.9	40.1	40.7	10.86	10.78	10.78
Other Printing	27.6	27.5	27.3									
Chemicals & Allied	28.8	28.6	29.2	442.82	442.49	446.49	40.7	40.3	41.0	10.88	10.98	10.89
Leather & Leather Products	17.3	17.7	17.5	179.82	172.22	181.15	32.4	31.6	33.3	5.55	5.45	5.44
Footwear Exc. Rubber	13.9	14.2	14.1	170.55	165.36	176.09	31.7	31.2	33.1	5.38	5.30	5.32
Other Leather Prod.	3.4	3.5	3.4									
Other Nondurable Goods	13.6	13.5	14.2									
Total Nonmanufacturing	1683.6	1659.9	1623.7									
Mining	6.0	5.5	6.2									
Construction	94.0	85.5	83.8									
Transportation & Public Util.	142.1	143.1	140.1									
Railroad Transportation	17.7	17.7	15.0									
Transportation (Exc. R.R.)	69.4	70.1	71.4									
Communications	54.9	55.2	53.7									
Wholesale & Retail Trade	513.1	507.6	490.1									
Wholesale Trade	129.5	129.7	131.0									
Retail Trade	383.6	377.9	359.1									
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	121.9	121.3	117.9									
Services	467.2	458.5	447.8									
Government	339.3	338.4	337.8									
Federal Government	71.3	70.9	70.3									
State & Local Government	268.0	267.5	267.6									

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in March after increasing sharply in February. The seasonally adjusted civilian unemployment rate decreased a tenth of a percentage point to 7.2 percent. The current rate is substantially above January's 6.7 percent rate and only a tenth of a point below the year-earlier rate. Total civilian employment increased by more than 200,000 in March but has not yet regained January's level. About 600,000 more people were employed in March than a year ago.

Nonagricultural payroll employment edged up in March, but only because of growth in the service-producing industries, notably business and health services; retail trade; and finance, insurance, and real estate. Employment fell in the goods-producing industries, with continuing declines in oil and gas extraction being among the more prominent changes. Several manufacturing industries, including motor vehicles and equipment, also experienced drops.

Gross national product is estimated to have grown at a surprising 3.2 percent annual rate in the first quarter of 1986. This increase apparently reflects an improved trade balance, as the falling value of the dollar seems finally to be having some effect. Some other key economic indicators, including employment and unemployment data and the

index of industrial production, have not shown the same improvement. Decreased production in the oil and automobile industries apparently account for much of the decrease in industrial production.

Outlook

Most forecasters seem to expect economic growth to continue or accelerate in the next few quarters, despite problems in some key industries, including the oil and automobile industries. The oil production industry has little direct representation in Missouri, and adverse indirect effects have not been evident in the state. The positive effects of lower gas prices on consumers and user industries may outweigh any of these. So far, decreased automobile sales have not reduced Missouri employment in the automobile industry, perhaps because the models made in Missouri remain in demand. A new round of sales incentives may lead to increased auto sales and thus reduce the likelihood of automobile layoffs in the state.

Seasonal effects should be dominant in the next few months in Missouri. Improvements in April may be even larger than in March, with further improvement occurring in May.

Table 3. Selected Economic Statistics Related
To Manpower Developments
Missouri — March, 1986

Item	Current Mo. (Preliminary)	1 Mo. Ago (Revised)	1Yr. Ago (Revised)	Net Change To Current Month From:	
				1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Civilian Labor Force (No. of Workers)	2,469,800	2,442,300	2,416,300	27,500	53,500
Total Employed	2,318,900	2,269,800	2,245,000	49,100	73,900
Total Unemployed	150,900	172,500	171,300	-21,600	-20,400
Unemployment Rate (% of CLF)	6.1	7.1	7.1	-1.0	-1.0
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment Except Domestics (No. of Jobs)	2,111,600	2,085,900	2,051,700	25,700	59,900
Manufacturing	428,000	426,000	428,000	2,000	0
Durable Goods	244,800	243,400	244,100	1,400	700
Nondurable Goods	183,200	182,600	183,900	600	-700
Nonmanufacturing	1,683,600	1,659,900	1,623,700	23,700	59,900
State Initial Claims (Wkly Avg.)	7,417	8,943	7,315	-1,526	102
State Insured Unemployment (Wkly Avg.) ...	54,976	63,608	56,705	-8,632	-1,729
Insured Unemployment Rate	2.9	3.7	3.1	-0.8	-0.2
Exhaustions (State U.I.)	3,850	3,718	4,316	132	-466
Amount of Benefits Paid	\$22,020,305	\$22,929,817	\$21,256,530	-\$909,512	\$763,775
State U.I.	21,686,610	22,565,104	20,919,613	-878,494	766,997
UCFE	153,137	165,302	158,562	-12,165	-5,425
UCX	180,558	199,411	178,355	-18,853	2,203

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Kansas City Labor Market Review

The Kansas City Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Jackson, Cass, Clay, Lafayette, Platte and Ray counties in Missouri and Johnson, Wyandotte, Leavenworth and Miami

counties in Kansas. The 1980 population for the MSA has been published at 1,433,458 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

March, 1986

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Fueled by seasonal increases in Construction, Retail Trade and Services, Civilian Employment grew by 9,500 persons and resulted in an 0.4 percentage point drop in the Area's Unemployment Rate in March 1986. The drop of 3,200 in the number of jobless persons, coupled with an expansion in the Civilian Labor Force of 6,100, added 9,500 workers to the Area's employment number. The Unemployment Rate was 4.9 per cent and unchanged from March 1985 rate. Half the Area's Civilian Employment increase can be attributed to the net gain of 4,400 Nonagricultural Payroll Jobs recorded over-the-month. With only a few exceptions, most of these jobs were added in the Nonmanufacturing sector. Compared to March 1985, the Area made only slight improvement. Unemployment was virtually unchanged, while Civilian Employment and Labor Force expanded by slightly over 6,000. Retail Trade contributed about 88 per cent of the net gain of 6,700 Nonagricultural Wage and Salaried Jobs over-the-year.

Wage and salaried employment in March 1986 was 696,100, up by 4,400 from the February 1986 total of 691,700. Manufacturing employment fell for the third month this year. The Area lost overall 600 Manufacturing jobs over-the-month, primarily in the Durable Goods Manufacturing sector. Electrical Equipment suffered additional losses of 400 in electrical and communications equipment. Together Motor Vehicles and Fabricated Metal Products lost 500 jobs. Within the Nondurable Goods Manufacturing sector, Food and Kindred and Printing and Publishing had slightly fewer jobs in March than in February. Among the Manufacturing industries, only Machinery showed modest gains over the period.

Growth in the seasonal Nonmanufacturing industries contributed the most substantial employment changes over-the-month. Construction employment climbed by 1,800 after two consecutive months of losses. Retail Trade rebounded from the seasonal losses recorded in January and February, with 1,200 additional jobs. Led by increased activity in agricultural services, building services and commercial sports, Services posted an increase of 1,000 jobs over-the-month. The additional hiring of workers in the Real Estate industry and in tax processing led to moderate increases in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate and Federal Government.

Wage and salaried employment increased by 6,700 from March 1985 to March 1986, despite losses of close to 500 in Durable Goods Manufacturing and losses of 900 in Nondurable Goods Manufacturing. Nonmanufacturing gained 8,100 jobs over-the-year as Retail Trade continued to make significant advances compared to first quarter figures last

year. Despite scattered layoffs, Retail Trade added 5,900 jobs over the period. Local Government posted 1,800 more jobs this March than March 1985, primarily as a result of employment growth

in local school districts. Led by agricultural and business services, Services employment grew by 700 jobs over-the-year. Small additional gains were posted in Federal Government and Wholesale Trade, which together accounted for 500 jobs. The major loser within the sector was Construction, which despite its monthly advance, fell by 6 per cent below last year's March level. Construction employment in all categories fell, although special trades fell more steeply with 61 per cent of the total loss of 1,700 jobs.

Employment changes in the Manufacturing sector compared to last year deteriorated slightly. Only two industries showed moderate gains over-the-year ago levels - Printing and Publishing jobs, which were up by 600 and Machinery which gained 400 more jobs. All other industries recorded losses or only slight increases. Employment in Electrical Equipment was down to 900 jobs, Chemicals fell by 600 jobs, Food and Kindred lost 300 jobs and Primary Metals fell by 400.

Total unemployment on a place-of-residence basis was 39,200 in March 1986 for 4.9 per cent of the labor force, compared with 42,400 in February for 5.3 per cent of the labor force and 30,300 in March 1985 for 4.9 per cent of the labor force.

Employment and Unemployment Forecast

The unemployment rate for the Kansas City Area is expected to continue to fall slightly in April 1986. The drop in the rate will be accompanied by mixed changes in the labor market. Employment will continue to grow in the seasonal industries. Construction, Services, Retail Trade and Government are expected to add to the number of employed and further depress the rate. However, reports of layoffs and Area closings in several major Manufacturing industries during April 1986 will add an unfortunate sour note to a usually optimistic time of the year. Unemployment is expected to be 4.7 per cent of the labor force in April 1986, compared to 4.9 per cent in March 1986 and 4.4 per cent in April 1985.

May 1986 will continue to show employment increases and additional growth in the civilian labor force as many industries begin preparing for summer operations and the deluge of youth job seekers. The unemployment rate is expected to fall another 0.2 percentage points. Unemployment is expected to be 4.5 per cent of the labor force in May 1986 compared to 4.1 per cent in May 1985.

**Kansas City Area -
Missouri Job Service Statistics**

Latest available data from the Employment Service Automated Reporting System (ESARS) indicated 32,323 applicants in the active file for Missouri Job Service Offices in the Kansas City Area at the end of March 1986. Breakdowns of the figure according to applicant characteristics are as follows:

General Characteristics		Per Cent
Age:	Under 22	15.5
	22-44	68.1
	45 and over	16.4
Sex:	Male	62.3
	Female	37.7
Racial or Ethnic Group		
	Black	29.2
	Other Non-White	1.0
	Hispanic	1.9

Miscellaneous Characteristics	Per Cent
Unemployment Insurance Claimants	50.4
Veterans	19.4
Handicapped	2.2

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 91, dated March 31, 1986.

Job Placements

During March 1986, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service Offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 8,566 and job placements totaled 1,626. There were 1,803 veteran referrals in March 1986, with 307 veteran placements. During January 1986, referrals to jobs by Missouri Job Service Offices in the Kansas City Area totaled 6,694 and job placements totaled 1,436. There were 1,494 veteran referrals in February 1986, with 248 veteran placements.

SOURCE: SMSA 3760, ESARS Table 90, dated March 31, 1986.

**Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed in
the Kansas City Area (Missouri Side Only)
March 1986**

Insured Unemployed by Age and Sex

Age	Male Per Cent	Female Per Cent	Total Per Cent
Under 25	15.8	13.9	15.1
25-34	38.5	35.6	37.4
35-44	22.6	23.9	23.1
45-54	12.7	15.3	13.7
55-64	9.7	9.5	9.6
65 and over	0.7	1.7	1.1
Unreported	0.0	0.1	0.0

Insured Unemployed by Industry (SIC)

Industry	Per Cent
Agricultural	0.5
Mining	0.3
Construction	15.3
Manufacturing	27.2
Transportation, Communications & Utilities	6.4
Wholesale & Retail Trade	20.3

Finance, Insurance & Real Estate Services	2.5
All Other	25.9
Information not available	1.7
	0.0

Insured Unemployed by Occupation (DOT)

Occupation	Per Cent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	8.6
Clerical	15.8
Sales	3.9
Services	12.0
Farming, Forestry & Fishing	0.7
Processing	1.9
Machine Trades	7.6
Benchwork	11.6
Structural Work	11.3
Miscellaneous	15.6
Information not available	11.0

The number of insured unemployed counted for the above percentages was 7,957; 4,845 were male and 3,112 were female.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)
(Benchmark — March 1985)

Area and State: Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas

Month and Year of Current: March, 1986

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonagricultural Wage & Salaried Employment.....	696,100	691,700	689,400	+4,400	+6,700
Total Manufacturing.....	118,400	119,000	119,800	-600	-1,400
Durable Goods.....	67,600	68,200	68,100	-600	-500
Lumber & Furniture.....	3,400	3,300	3,200	+100	+200
Stone, Clay & Glass Products.....	3,800	3,800	3,600	0	+200
Primary Metal Industries.....	3,500	3,500	3,900	0	-400
Fabricated Metal Products.....	9,300	9,500	9,200	-200	+100
Machinery Except Electrical.....	8,000	7,700	7,600	+300	+400
Electrical Equipment & Supplies.....	20,600	21,000	21,500	-400	-900
Transportation Equipment.....	15,200	15,600	15,300	-400	-100
Motor Vehicles & Equipment.....	(15,000)	(15,300)	(15,100)	(-300)	(-100)
Other Durable Goods.....	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	+100
Nondurable Goods.....	50,800	50,900	51,700	-100	-900
Food & Kindred Products.....	9,100	9,200	9,400	-100	-300
Apparel & Other Textile Products.....	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	-100
Paper & Allied Products.....	5,600	5,600	5,600	0	0
Printing & Publishing.....	19,800	19,900	20,200	-100	-400
Chemicals & Allied Products.....	8,800	8,800	8,200	0	+600
Petroleum & Coal Products.....	600	600	600	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods.....	4,400	4,400	5,100	0	-700
Total Nonmanufacturing.....	557,700	572,700	569,600	+50,00	+8,100
Mining & Quarrying.....	400	500	500	-100	-100
Construction.....	27,400	25,600	29,100	+1,800	-1,700
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities.....	52,900	52,700	53,000	+200	-100
Wholesale & Retail Trade.....	185,300	183,900	179,200	+1,400	+6,100
Wholesale Trade.....	(55,900)	(55,700)	(55,700)	(+200)	(+200)
Retail Trade.....	(129,400)	(128,200)	(123,500)	(+1,200)	(+5,900)
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate.....	52,700	52,300	51,700	+400	+100
Services.....	152,000	151,000	151,300	+1,000	+700
Government.....	106,900	106,700	104,800	+200	+2,100
Federal Government.....	(29,600)	(29,200)	(29,300)	(+400)	(+300)
State & Local Government.....	(77,300)	(77,500)	(75,500)	(-200)	(+1,800)
In Labor-Management Disputes.....	300	300	100	0	+200

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Table 2. Production Workers Average Hours and Earnings in Manufacturing

Area and State: **Kansas City, Missouri-Kansas**

Month and Year of Current Data: **March, 1986**

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	\$447.83	\$445.36	\$449.19	40.2	39.8	41.4	\$11.14	\$11.19	\$10.85
Durable Goods	481.20	482.80	489.90	40.0	40.1	41.8	12.03	12.04	11.72
Lumber & Furniture	264.65	250.16	295.86	35.1	34.6	39.5	7.54	7.23	7.49
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	391.32	336.67	492.48	36.2	33.4	40.6	10.81	10.08	12.13
Primary Metal Industries	532.53	450.69	478.58	40.1	36.2	40.8	13.28	12.45	11.73
Fabricated Metal Products	389.09	388.22	364.41	38.6	38.9	39.1	10.08	9.98	9.32
Machinery Exc. Electrical	395.85	430.14	414.46	37.7	37.6	40.2	10.50	11.44	10.31
Electrical Equip. & Supplies	425.96	438.20	484.92	38.1	39.3	42.8	11.18	11.15	11.33
Transportation Equipment	706.25	710.85	658.74	46.1	46.4	44.3	15.32	15.32	14.87
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	(710.40)	(715.02)	(663.68)	(46.1)	(46.4)	(44.4)	(15.41)	(15.41)	(14.95)
Other Durable Goods	241.76	246.27	267.41	35.5	35.9	37.4	6.81	6.86	7.15
Nondurable Goods	392.28	384.35	380.14	40.4	39.3	40.7	9.71	9.78	9.34
Food & Kindred Products	393.54	373.27	406.39	42.0	41.2	42.2	9.37	9.06	9.63
Apparel & Other Textile Prod.	187.25	187.52	206.09	36.5	36.2	37.2	5.13	5.18	5.54
*Paper & Allied Products	449.90	442.56	369.72	44.5	44.3	40.1	10.11	9.99	9.22
Printing & Publishing	408.39	403.86	399.50	38.6	38.1	38.9	10.58	10.60	10.27
Chemicals & Allied Products	448.63	441.56	473.43	40.2	37.2	43.0	11.16	11.87	11.01
Petroleum & Coal Products	449.32	443.75	375.75	36.5	35.7	39.1	12.31	12.43	9.61
Other Nondurable Goods	290.80	291.46	298.20	40.0	38.0	42.6	7.27	7.67	7.00

* This series excludes industry 2771.

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St. Louis Labor Market Review

The St. Louis Area includes the City of St. Louis, and St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin Counties in Missouri; and Clinton, Madison, Monroe, St. Clair and Jersey

Counties in Illinois. The 1980 population for the Area was stated as 2,376,998 persons by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

March, 1986

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Area Labor Force Developments

The St. Louis MSA unemployment rate declined from 7.8% in February to 6.8% in March. The number of unemployed declined by 12100 while total employment rose by 17100. Significant increases in construction, trade, and services caused gains in total employment. These increases were the result of good weather, early Easter retail sales, and declining interest rates. Normal seasonal factors were also responsible for some of the increase. During the 1st. quarter of 1986, the area's rate has averaged 7.2%. This is the lowest first quarter average unemployment rate since 1979 when the first three months averaged 5.6%. Over the year, unemployment declined by 4400 while employment rose 39,800. The unemployment rate in March, 1985 was 7.4%. There were 1800 labor disputants in March, 200 in February, and less than 50 in March, 1985.

Manufacturing

Manufacturing employment declined 100 over the month. In primary metals a strike affecting 300 workers caused an employment decline. Stone, clay and glass registered a seasonal increase of 200 workers. Over the year, manufacturing has added 1600 workers. The increases continue to be concentrated in transportation equipment. Motor vehicles is up 4000 and aircraft has added 700 workers. Small increase (+200) have occurred in lumber, stone, electrical equipment, and other nondurables. Employment declines were reported by all other major manufacturing industries.

Nonmanufacturing

Nonmanufacturing employment rose 8200 over the month. Mild weather caused gains in construction and services. Service sectors reporting gains included agricul-

tural services, hotels, and amusement and recreation. Early Easter season sales caused a 1600 increase in trade. Transportation was affected by a strike of 1500 airline workers. Over the year, nonmanufacturing rose 22900. The largest gains occurred in services (+9100), trade (+6600), and construction (+4000). Transportation was the only industry reporting employment declines.

Unemployment and Manpower Resources

State UI continued claimants in the MSA were down 4100 in March from February. In the Missouri portion of the MSA they were down 2700 and in the Illinois portion they were down 1400.

The distribution of weeks claimed by intrastate Missouri resident claimants by industry attachment is as follows:

Industry	Dec.	Jan. '86	Feb.	Mar.
INA	0	0	3	5
Agriculture	76	154	149	135
Mining	38	34	60	32
Construction	2761	3316	4576	3077
Manufacturing Total	3588	4255	4661	4447
Food	492	484	590	514
Textile	19	46	47	37
Apparel	143	290	183	200
Lumber	44	49	67	70
Furniture	76	88	125	109
Paper	94	87	135	108
Printing	148	168	150	170
Chemicals	249	252	253	251
Petroleum	27	26	28	25
Rubber	118	148	205	181
Leather	182	188	167	246
Stone	81	99	127	86
Primary Metal	155	247	253	386
Fabricated Metal	489	560	731	702
Machinery	119	112	143	119
Electrical Machinery	346	432	466	351
Transportation Equip.	236	309	235	200
Instruments	20	26	27	29
Miscellaneous	549	637	728	663
Public Utilities	644	767	973	817
Wholesale & Retail Tr.	2102	2280	2800	2521
Finance	313	267	312	305
Services	5265	5991	6597	6129
All Other	300	322	354	198
TOTAL	15087	17386	20485	17666

Of the 17,666 intrastate Missouri resident claimants in March, 1986, 65.6 percent were male and 34.4 percent were female.

The occupational distribution of the intrastate Missouri resident claimant is:

Occupation	Weeks Claimed (Reference Week)			
	Dec.	Jan. '86	Feb.	Mar.
Prof., Tech. & Mgr.	1642	1725	1875	1679
Clerical	2204	2340	2580	2413
Sales	546	614	662	695
Farm, Fish & Forest	204	288	321	227
Processing	298	348	398	409
Machine Trades	1133	1272	1482	1365
Bench Work	701	825	948	864
Structural Work	1768	2329	2733	2116
Misc. Work	1975	2275	2811	2416
Domestic	45	63	60	55
Other Services	2038	2279	2679	2474
INA	2533	3028	3936	2923
TOTAL	15087	17386	20485	17666

Applications in file and placements made during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1985 are distributed as follows:

	Female	Vets	-22	Min.	HDGP
Apps. in file, %	44.9	15.1	20.0	40.6	2.1
Placements, %	44.5	12.4	37.7	39.7	2.3

Available Job Opportunities

The occupations percentage distribution of the openings received and filled during fiscal year 1986 by the Missouri State Employment Service is as follows:

Occupational Group	Openings Received Percent	Openings Filled Percent
Professional, Technical & Managerial	3.5	1.7
Clerical	16.2	12.8
Sales	14.8	17.1
Processing	1.6	1.9
Machine Trades	4.3	3.8
Bench Work	3.5	4.1
Structural Work	14.0	13.6
Motor Freight & Trans.	3.9	3.5
Packaging & Material Handling	8.9	11.4
Domestic	1.0	0.9
Other Services	27.0	28.2
Other Occupations	1.3	1.0

Unemployment Rate Outlook

The unemployment rate in April, 1986 is expected to be about 6.7%.

Table 1. Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)

Area and State: St. Louis, Mo.-Ill. Met. Area

Month and Year of Current: March, 1986

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary, Total	1,070,100	1,062,000	1,045,500	+8,100	+24,600
Percent Change				+(0.8)	+(2.4)
Manufacturing	224,400	224,500	222,800	-100	+1,600
Durable Goods	141,800	142,000	138,300	-200	+3,500
Lumber & Furniture	4,700	4,700	4,500	0	+200
Stone, Clay & Glass	3,400	3,200	3,200	+200	+200
Primary Metal Industries	13,300	13,600	14,700	-300	-1,400
Fabricated Metal Products	17,100	16,900	17,400	+200	-300
Machinery, Except Electrical	18,000	17,900	18,300	+100	-300
Electrical & Electronic Equip.	15,600	15,700	15,400	-100	+200
Transportation Equipment	56,800	57,100	51,900	-300	+4,900
Motor Vehicles	22,000	22,000	18,000	0	+4,000
Aircraft & Parts	28,700	29,000	28,000	-300	+700
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	12,800	12,900	12,900	-100	-100
Nondurable Goods	82,600	82,500	84,500	+100	-1,900
Food & Kindred Products	20,800	20,800	21,000	0	-200
Meat Products	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0
Beverages	8,100	8,100	8,300	0	-200
Textiles & Apparel	6,100	6,200	6,700	-100	-600
Paper & Paper Products	5,700	5,700	5,800	0	-100
Printing & Publishing	16,500	16,400	16,600	+100	-100
Chemical & Allied Products	20,400	20,300	21,100	+100	-700
Petroleum & Coal Products	2,700	2,800	2,800	-100	-100
Leather & Leather Products	4,600	4,600	4,900	0	-300
Other Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,700	5,500	0	+200
Nonmanufacturing	845,700	837,500	822,800	+8,200	+22,900
Mining	3,700	3,600	3,700	+100	0
Construction	52,400	49,800	48,400	+2,600	+4,000
Transportation & Public Utilities	71,100	71,500	72,100	-400	-1,000
Railroads	4,600	4,600	5,100	0	-500
Transportation, Except Railroads	37,900	38,300	39,100	-400	-1,200
Communications & Public Utilities	28,500	28,500	27,800	0	+700
Wholesale & Retail Trade	253,700	252,100	247,100	+1,600	+6,600
Wholesale Trade	64,900	64,600	64,800	+300	+100
Retail Trade	188,700	187,500	182,400	+1,200	+6,300
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	66,700	66,400	63,500	+300	+3,200
Service, Except Domestic	259,300	256,000	250,200	+3,300	+9,100
Total Government	139,000	138,100	137,700	+900	+1,300
Total Federal Government	38,500	38,400	37,200	+100	+1,300
Total State & Local Government	100,500	99,700	100,400	+800	+100
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	1,800	200	0	+1,600	+1,800

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**Table 2. Average Hours & Earnings of Production and Related Workers
in Manufacturing**

Area and State: St. Louis Metropolitan Area

Month and Year of Current Data: March, 1986

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	\$465.03	\$456.92	\$435.60	40.9	40.4	40.0	\$11.37	\$11.31	\$10.89
Durable Goods	494.98	485.69	457.47	41.7	41.3	40.7	11.87	11.76	11.24
Lumber & Furniture	321.09	317.69	330.19	36.2	36.6	38.8	8.87	8.68	8.51
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	392.73	345.41	388.21	35.8	33.6	37.4	10.97	10.28	10.38
Primary Metal Industries	428.13	418.88	452.01	39.9	40.2	38.6	10.73	10.42	11.71
Fabricated Metal Products	444.52	431.96	424.15	41.7	41.1	41.3	10.66	10.51	10.27
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	469.96	463.30	449.63	41.7	41.0	41.1	11.27	11.30	10.94
Elect & Electronic Equip.	390.91	399.10	327.20	40.3	40.6	40.0	9.70	9.83	8.18
Transportation Equipment	639.80	628.21	578.93	44.4	43.9	42.6	14.41	14.31	13.59
Instruments & Misc. Mfg.	315.40	305.63	288.38	38.0	37.5	37.5	8.30	8.15	7.69
Nondurable Goods	408.18	402.09	400.67	39.4	38.7	38.9	10.36	10.39	10.30
Food & Kindred Products	496.51	498.58	483.52	41.0	40.7	39.6	12.11	12.25	12.21
Textiles & Apparel	211.20	201.55	207.06	33.9	32.3	34.8	6.23	6.24	5.95
Paper & Paper Products	393.12	396.89	420.93	43.2	41.3	41.8	9.10	9.61	10.07
Printing & Publishing	388.96	375.55	386.06	37.4	37.0	37.3	10.40	10.15	10.35
Chemicals & Allied Prods.	483.95	477.96	462.17	40.6	40.3	40.9	11.92	11.86	11.30
Petroleum & Coal Products	590.19	590.40	588.00	40.9	41.0	42.0	14.43	14.40	14.00
Leather & Leather Products	208.32	200.12	181.98	37.2	35.8	34.4	5.60	5.59	5.29
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Springfield Labor Market Review

(Greene and Christian Counties)

March, 1986

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Civilian Labor Force, Employment and Unemployment

The Springfield MSA labor force expanded 1,500 from February to reach 114,900 in March. The area unemployment rate dropped six-tenths of a percentage point, falling from 5.2 percent in February to 4.6 percent in March. The number of unemployed workers in March amounted to 5,300, 600 fewer than in February. This substantial drop mostly reflects seasonal influences.

During March 1985, there were 5,900 persons unemployed and the rate of unemployment was calculated at 5.3 percent of the labor force.

Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment

Payrolled employment rose 700 from February to reach 99,900 in March. Both sectors, manufacturing and non-manufacturing, posted employment gains during the month.

Manufacturing employment, estimated at 18,900 for March, rose 100 from February. This gain represents an accumulation of small increases in several durable goods manufacturing industries.

Nonmanufacturing jobs rose 600 from February to reach 81,000 in March. Industries within the nonmanufacturing group recording changes in employment levels since February include: Construction, up 200; Transportation and Utilities, down 100; Trade, up 100; Services, up 400; and Government, down 100.

Hours and Earnings

Average hourly earnings of manufacturing production and related workers rose from \$8.92 in February to \$9.06 in March. The average weekly hours worked were up from 41.1 in February to 41.5 in March. The jump in hourly earnings resulted mostly from an increase in overtime worked at premium pay.

Table 1 Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Employment
(Place of Work)
(Benchmark — March, 1984)

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri

Month and Year of Current: March, 1986

Item	Number of Jobs			Net Change To Current Month From:	
	Current Mo.	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
Total Nonag. Wage & Salary, Employment (Exc. Domestics)	99,900	99,200	98,200	+700	+1,700
Manufacturing	18,900	18,800	19,600	+100	-700
Durable Goods	9,700	9,600	10,600	+100	-900
Lumber & Wood (Inc. Furn.)	1,000	1,000	900	0	+100
Other Durable Goods	8,700	8,600	9,600	+100	-900
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,200	9,100	0	+100
Food Processing	3,800	3,800	3,800	0	0
Printing & Publishing	1,700	1,700	1,600	0	+100
Other Nondurable Goods	3,800	3,800	3,700	0	+100
Nonmanufacturing	81,000	80,400	78,600	+600	+2,400
Mining	100	100	100	0	0
Construction	4,200	4,000	3,700	+200	+500
Transportation & Utilities	5,800	5,900	6,300	-100	-500
Trade	27,400	27,300	26,500	+100	+600
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4,600	4,600	4,500	0	+100
Services	25,600	25,200	23,700	+400	+1,900
Government	13,300	13,400	13,300	-100	0
Federal	1,700	1,700	1,700	0	0
State and Local	11,600	11,700	11,600	-100	0
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0	0	0	0	0

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During March 1985, hourly earnings averaged \$8.61 and the average work week came to 40.3 hours.

Employment and Unemployment Outlook

Overall payrolled employment is expected to continue on an upward trend during April and May. Seasonal influences in construction, trade and services will more than off-set anticipated reductions in transportation and manufacturing

jobs. With gasoline prices substantially lower, industries associated with tourism should show higher employment levels each month of 1986 than during the corresponding month of 1985.

Seasonal improvement in the rate of unemployment is expected to continue through June when students flood the job market.

Table 2. Gross Average Hours and Earnings for Production and Related Workers in Manufacturing Industries

Area and State: Springfield, Missouri

Month and Year of Current Data: March, 1986

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago	Current Month	1 Mo. Ago	1 Yr. Ago
Total Manufacturing	\$375.99	\$366.61	\$346.98	41.5	41.1	40.3	\$9.06	\$8.92	\$8.61
Durable Goods	366.27	346.08	332.07	43.5	41.2	40.3	8.42	8.40	8.24
Nondurable Goods	389.05	392.37	369.84	39.1	41.0	40.2	9.95	9.57	9.20
Food & Kindred Products	439.30	441.18	393.76	42.9	43.0	41.8	10.24	10.26	9.42
Other Nondurable Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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